GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:11
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WORKERS UNDER ESI SCHEME
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers in the country covered under the Employees State Insurance (ESI) Scheme, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has recently revised the provisions in relation to the ceiling of the employees under ESI scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the additional number of workers/employees likely to be benefited under the scheme; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide proper medical care to the employees under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 11 FOR 24.07.2006 REGARDING WORKERS UNDER ESI SCHEME.

(a): A total of 75.70 lakh workers have been covered under the Employees` State Insurance (ESI) Scheme as on 31.03.2005. The State-wise details are annexed.

(b) & (c): The ESI Corporation, in its 136th meeting held on 15th June, 2006, has approved a proposal for enhancing the wage ceiling for coverage of the employees under the ESI Act from Rs.7500/- to Rs.10,000/- per month. The Government has since issued the intention notification on 20th July, 2006. About 5 lakh additional employees and 15 lakh additional family members (total 20 lakh) are likely to be benefited on account of enhancement of the wage ceiling.

(d): To provide medical care to the employees covered under the ESI Scheme, ESI Corporation has set up a network of hospitals and dispensaries throughout the country. The ESI Corporation has, at present, 143 hospitals and 1427 dispensaries in the country. Besides, medical care is also provided through panel doctors i.e. Insurance Medical Practitioners. The super speciality services are provided through tie-up arrangements with reputed Government and private hospitals for which a revolving fund mechanism has been evolved. The ESI Corporation has also decided to set up four super speciality hospitals in the four zones of the country.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.11 FOR 24.07.2006.

NO. OF EMPLOYEES COVERED UNDER ESI SCHEME AS ON 31.3.2005

S.NO. STATE/REGION/AREA NO. OF EMPLOYEES

1. Andhra Pradesh 575100
2. Assam & Meghalaya 31750
3. Bihar 34350
4. Chandigarh Admn. 31950
5. Chattisgarh 32950
6. Delhi 553900
7. Goa 81800
8. Gujarat 454500
9. Haryana 431450
10. Himachal Pradesh 39650
11. Jammu & Kashmir 17850
12. Jharkhand 72700
13. Karnataka 706900
14. Kerala 325700
15. Madhya Pradesh 162200
16. Maharashtra 1119950
17. Orissa 117000
18. Pondicherry 55450

19. Punjab 54500
20. Rajasthan 275200
21. Tamil Nadu 1020550
22. Uttar Pradesh 453000
23. Uttarancha 22900
24. West Bengal 598900
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